

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

STOUT, Robert L.

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Examiner: Brown, Timothy M

Commissioner of Patents Mail Stop: Amendment Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated May 5, 2005 amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.